## HIV/AIDS in the South and Challenges in Other Non-Metropolitan Areas in the U.S.

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast Friday, January 27, 2006

2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

3:00-5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

he Southern States Manifesto, HIV/AIDS & STDs in the South was released in March of 2002. The report brought national attention to the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS and STDs across southern communities and localities. The disparities include higher than national averages of disease rates, disproportionate disease rates among persons of color, and inadequate resources to respond to the crisis. Nearly four years later as the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the South continues to grow and as the Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act languishes in Congress, the Southern AIDS Coalition, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health, will host a national forum to highlight concerns and to discuss solutions.

The focus of this broadcast:

- 1. The presentation of epidemiological data.
- 2. Solutions to improve critical access to care and treatment for persons living with HIV/AIDS in the South.
- 3. Specific case studies of people living with HIV disease.

## **Faculty**

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## **Conference Details:**

<u>Target Audience</u>: HIV/AIDS providers, State AIDS Directors, AIDS Service Organizations, physicians, people living with HIV Disease and Congressional staff members.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn Cost: There is no cost to view.

CEUs: None awarded for this program.

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands.

Webcast Information: Please register at www.adph.org/alphtn To view this live webcast, you will need RealPlayer or Windows Media Player. This program will also be available as an on-demand webcast approximately 2 days after the live broadcast.

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program.

Questions For Faculty: If you have questions that you want addressed during the conference, you may fax or email those questions and a response will be given during the program.

Email: alphtnquestions@adph.state.al.us or Fax: 888-737-1972.

<u>General Questions</u>: For questions about any of these conference details call: 334-206-5618 or email: alphtn@adph.state.al.us

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